

# Hawaii MARINE SPORTS

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## Boxer fights with heart



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Kaneohe Bay Fighter's Unlimited boxer Lee Crisp III faced off against last year's defending state champion, Ryan Bolen, Saturday at the 50th Hawaii State Advance Tournament at Kahuna's Ballroom here.

### Marine puts up good fight with limited training

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Kahuna's Ballroom was filled with spectators once again Saturday night, eager to cheer on their favorite fighters. Boxers from 11 different Hawaii boxing teams came together to put on a show for fans while displaying all their hard work and dedication they have exerted throughout the year.

The only real difference between this fight and past fights that have taken place at Kahuna's, was that this was the Region Hawaii 50th State Advance Tournament. The stakes were high.

The only military member to participate in the tournament was a 30-year-old Laurel, Miss., native, making his debut for the Fighters Unlimited Boxing Team.

Lee Crisp III, a platoon sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, has been boxing for six years. Although he is an experienced fighter, he was only able to prepare for this tournament for two weeks because he just returned from the Staff Academy at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I feel good going into the fight," said Crisp, a half-hour before his bout was scheduled. "I had swim qualification this morning though, and that is the only thing that is making me uneasy. I feel a bit tired."

Crisp and his opponent, last year's defending state champion in the 201-pound weight division, had seen each other spar before and both had a general idea of what to expect from each other.

"I am looking forward to a lot of punching," said Crisp. "I am a counter puncher, so the more aggressive he is the better chance I will have."

His opponent, construction worker and Red Lion cashier, Ryan Bolen, a 25-year old Grand Rapids, Mich., native, said he was sure the

fight would be a good match and he looked forward to the challenge that Crisp would provide.

After witnessing a few victories and defeats as well as a knockout and called bout, it was time for the 201-pound challengers to face off and see who would be this year's state champion.

Ding!  
During the first round, neither boxer was able to gain a significant advantage. Although Bolen was far more aggressive than Crisp, the Marine did as he intended before the fight and put on a good counter technique, landing two hard hooks to Bolen's face. Bolen continued to send combinations Crisp's way, and the two fighters seemed to grow a bit weary before the first round was complete.

When the second round began, Bolen was back in the action as if he hadn't fought at all yet. His vicious combinations rained down on Crisp, who yet again managed to defend himself skillfully and make contact with a couple of mind-blowing right hooks. It was still anyone's fight, but Bolen's tenacity was hard to ignore.

"Bolen is a good fighter, he has what it takes to win, speed, aggressiveness and great combo's," said Bruce Kawanu, a Pearl City, Hawaii, native, Bolen's boxing coach, before the fight began.

The final round brought out the best of both fighters. First, Crisp came on strong and held Bolen on one side of the ring, dominating the punches thrown, but once Bolen regained control, the fight was nearly over. It seemed as if more contact was made

in the third round than both previous rounds combined. Both fighters put all they had on the line, and fans were frequently seen on their feet cheering the boxers on. By the time the final bell sounded the end of the fight, both boxers were tired, sweaty and ready to hear the outcome.

As both men stood in the ring, Bolen's hand was raised in victory and he became a two-time state champion, but no hard feelings were felt.

"He is just a really good fighter," said Crisp. "I have hit people with those hooks before and it would only take three of four solid contacts before they were done. He can take a hard hit."

Bolen also wanted to commend Crisp after all was said and done.

"I just want to say thanks to him for such a good fight," said Bolen, who will be advancing to the national tournament in March in Colorado Springs, Colo. "He made a good match."

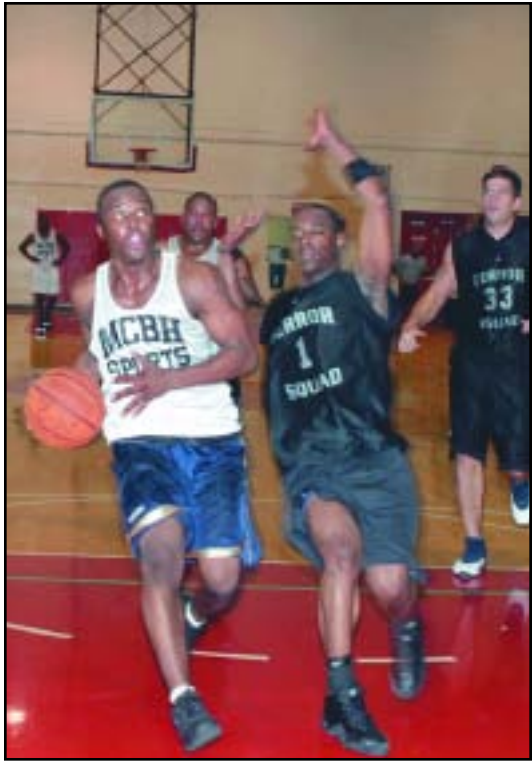
Crisp's coach, Wilfred Davis, a Memphis, Tenn., native, was proud of Crisp even though the outcome wasn't in his favor.

"Considering the time limit that we had to train, he did an excellent job," said Davis. "He really fought with heart and I was impressed."



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Crisp looks to plant a punch on his opponent, Ryan Bolen, Saturday at Kahuna's Ballroom.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

Headquarters Company, 3rd Marines' Bruce Cothran goes up for a break-away layup Tuesday while VP-47's Shaw Ballentine plays defense.

## VP-47 continues undefeated track

**Cpl. Megan L. Stiner**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Patrol Squadron 47's Terror Squad, led by their top scoring forward, tore up the court Tuesday against Headquarters Company, 3rd Marine Regiment, S2-40, putting the undefeated Terror Squad's intramural record at 3-0.

Scott Sabau scored the first basket of the game, after the Terror Squad gained control of the tip-off, setting the tone and establishing their dominance on the court. By the end of the game Sabau had scored more than 15 points by forcing layups and foul shots for his team ensuring them to yet another victory.

Both teams came on strong in the first few minutes of play with back-to-back layups on both ends of the court. One major advantage that the Terror Squad had on 3rd Marines turned out to be foul shots. Throughout the

game 3rd Marines gave away nearly 10 points in foul shots alone. But it could have been worse for 3rd Marines because, when it came down to it, the Terror Squad missed more than half of the foul shots taken.

"I thought we played well," said Terror Squad team captain Shaw Ballentine. "We worked the ball around with them and our defense was really strong."

After the initial onslaught of repeated layups scored from individual effort alone, the two teams began to put more effort into working the ball and using plays and to get themselves into position. A teamwork approach seemed to work better for both teams as the game progressed and the scores rose.

Third Marines started off a bit behind, but kept the points close as the first half came to a

*See UNDEFEATED, C-5*

## Terror Squad soars over HQBN, 43-37

**Sgt. Jereme L. Edwards**  
*Combat Correspondent*

Patrol Squadron 47's Terror Squad claimed its second victory of the season by defeating Headquarters Battalion's Demon Deacons Jan. 12, 43-37 in intramural basketball action at the Semper Fit Gymnasium.

Both teams hit the court with intensity and a strong desire to win as they faced off at center court and awaited the tip-off. The first few moments of the game were plagued by fouls and turnovers, and looked like a great rendition of the Detroit and Indiana minus the fight.

Terror Squad's Mike Byers started the game off with a bang, knocking down the first shot from outside the arch and gave his team a boost to start the off the contest.

The Demon Deacons followed

suit as forward Matt Schnelting drained the trey with a flick of the wrist, and just moments later forward Robert Mitchell sank another three-pointner making the score 6-3, Headquarters.

Unwilling to let the Demon Deacons get too far ahead, Terror Squads guard Keith Morgan and center Scott Sabau scored a couple two-point buckets, making the score 7-6 and grasping the lead for their team.

Answering right back to this change in the game's advantage, Demon Deacons guard Antonio Brown dished a sweet pass to the inside lane to Mitchell, who took the ball to the hole gaining, two points plus the foul giving him a three point play. The Demon Deacon barrage of scoring wasn't quite complete, as Mitchell returned the favor to Brown, dropping

ping the dime pass right on the money inside the paint and leaving him in perfect scoring position for two more. Then, forward No. 21 Julian Goodman, who proved to be one of Headquarters' key behind-the-arch players, dropped a pretty three-pointner off with a beautiful lean-away. Brown, only moments later sank another pretty lean away from just inside the key for two more making the score 16-7 Demon Deacons. Brown and Mitchell were both fouled [on different plays] on shots from inside the paint, but were each only able to sink one from the strip, making the score 18-7 and defiantly securing their lead, or so they thought.

Terror Squad had fallen down, but were definitely not out, as Kendrick Hall jump started his

*See VP-47, C-5*



Sgt. Joseph A. Lee

Terror Squad's Michael Maxwell takes a jump shot from just outside the key. Pressure inside the key helped the Terror Squad clinch victory once again.

## 'Showdown' will feature K-Bay's own

**Press Release**  
*MCCS Marketing*

On Jan. 28, Super Brawl and Steinlager will present "Full Contact Showdown" at Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill. The co-main event promises to fire up the crowd as Steve "El Toro Blanco" Byrne, a Kaneohe Marine, displays his martial arts prowess against Southern California fighter Ray Lizama.

Doors will open at 7:00 p.m. with the first bell at 8:00 p.m.

Byrne, who conducts his Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) training at the Bull's Pen martial arts academy in Kalihi, will have his hands full when he steps into the ring. Lizama made a name for himself during last year's Dec. 11 Super Brawl show "Ultimate," where he knocked out respected Hawaii MMA coach and fighter Kai Kamaka. Byrne and Lizama will compete in the 185-pound division.

The "Full Contact Showdown" will feature Kaneohe's own Kolo "Son of Polynesia" Koka versus Candido Estrada, another Southern California fighter, in the main event. Koka, an All-State wrestler from Castle High School, went on to become one of the prodigal students of Honolulu's world-famous Grappling Unlimited martial arts academy. Koka is a fan-favorite Super Brawl veteran known for his exciting fighting style.

Alexis Swenson, Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill Club manager, is pleased to offer such action-packed entertainment. "Having a Super Brawl event on the Windward side of the island, and particularly at Kahuna's, makes it possible for our Marines and Sailors to be part of an event that usually takes place at arenas not always near a base. It's great that they agreed to bring the showdown to the Windward side."

In addition to the main and co-main event, there will be seven other fights on the Full Contact Showdown card. This under card will see a mix of both MMA and kickboxing matches.

Super Brawl, now in its ninth year, is

*See SHOWDOWN, C-4*



# BASE SPORTS

## January

### 22 / Saturday

**Free Surf Contest** — The 2005 Hawaii Armed Services Athletic Counsel (HASAC) inter-service surf championship will be held Jan. 22-23 at the Waianae Recreation Center. Competition is free.

Eligibility for males includes active duty Marines and Sailors assigned to MCB Hawaii. Female eligibility includes active duty Marines and Sailors, or female spouses of active duty Marines or Sailors assigned to MCB Hawaii.

Team composition is two people

Categories include:  
**Men's Open (30 years old and below as of Jan. 22)**  
Short board (7' 11" and below)  
Long board (8" +)

**Men's Senior (31 and over as of Jan. 22)**  
Short board (7' 11" and below)  
Long board (8" +)

**Women's Open (all ages)**  
Short board (7' 11" and below)  
Long board (8" +)

All surfers must have their own equipment. Surfboards will not be issued.

Those interested should contact MCCS Athletics at 254-7590 for more information.

**Hawaii Championship Wrestling Live at Kahuna's** — HCW Wrestlers will provide slammin' entertainment for free! Yes folks, we said free. Beginning at 7 p.m., head to the Kahuna's Community Ballroom for some canvas slammin' action.  
Call 254-7661 for more information.



### 27 / Thursday

**Blood Donor Program Display at Anderson Hall** — From 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., MCCS Health Promotions will host a Blood Donor Program display at Anderson Hall. Understand the benefits of giving blood, and the how it might even end up saving you someday.  
Call MCCS Health Promotions at 254-7636 for more information.

### 28 / Friday

**Kahuna's & Super Brawl Presents K-Bay Full Contact Showdown** — Watch as contenders take each other on, in full contact, no holds barred action. Nine fights, one night, beginning at 7 p.m., only at Kahuna's Community Ballroom.  
Call 254-7661 for details.

### Ongoing

**Campground & Picnic Sites** — For picnic and camping sites, Marine Corps Base Hawaii offers some of the most scenic beaches on the island.

Three of those beaches, Pyramid Rock, Hale Koa and Fort Hase, are available by reservation for picnics and parties from dawn to dusk. Hale Koa Beach may also be reserved for overnight camping.

All beaches have picnic pavilions and barbecue grills.

Reservations are required. For reservations, call 254-7666 for Kaneohe, or 477-5143 for Camp Smith.

**Semper Fit Center Offers it All** — The Semper Fit Center has an aerobic class for anyone and everyone trying to meet that New Year's resolution. Check out as many of the following programs as you would like; Yoga, Cycling, Tai Chi, cardio-Kick, Gut Cut, Step-Challenge, Water Aerobics, Pilates, Marathon Training and much, much more.  
Call the Semper Fit Center at 254-7597 for class information.

**Gone Fishin'** — Join Mahalo Kai Fishing Charters for a day beyond the bay. Located at the Base Marina, the charter contractor now has two different boats to accommodate all of your fishing needs.

Check out its newest boat, the Bill Collector, built for charter fishing at its finest and most comfortable.

Call 254-7667 for more information.

**Inexpensive, Fun Entertainment** — Look no further for economical entertainment, as Mondays through Thursdays, all E-5 and below can receive free rental shoes and discounted games at only \$1.50 a game. This discount is good for open play, and does not qualify for tournaments, leagues or unit functions.

Call the K-Bay Lanes now to get the spin at 254-7693.

**Color Pin Special** — Every Wednesday, roll a strike when a colored pin is in the head-pin position, and win up to three free games of bowling. All patrons are welcome to this deal. If you make the play, you win!

**Parents for Fitness** — This cooperative baby-sitting effort is available at the Semper Fit Center, for children ages 6 weeks and older.

All active duty service members and their families may participate; however, PFFP participants are required to volunteer baby-sit three times per month.

Call 235-6585 for more information.

**Paintball Hawaii** — Nestled behind the Lemon Lot, by the intersection of Harris Road and Mokapu Road, stands Paintball Hawaii. Shoot over for the great deals and have a blast with your friends.  
Cost is only \$25 per person, and



the fee includes one air refill, equipment and the field fee. Players can purchase paint at the field from \$45 – \$50 for a case of 2,000 balls. The field is open on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call 265-4283 for Friday appointments.

**Junior Lifeguards** — The Base Pool is currently offering Junior Lifeguard instruction for the youth at MCB Hawaii. Let your kids enhance their skills and abilities in the water, plus gain confidence and experience that can lead to a job.

Contact the Base Pool at 254-7655.

**Massage Therapy** — Massage therapy, by certified massage therapists, is available at both Kaneohe Bay and Camp Smith. The massage therapy program will help relieve your mental and physical fatigue and improve your overall circulation and body tone. Choose from Shiatsu,

Swedish, Lomi, deep-tissue and even Hot Rock Therapy. Appointments are available by calling the K-Bay Semper Fit Center at 254-7597, or Camp Smith at 477-5197.

**Okinawa Kenpo Karate** — Every Tuesday and Thursday, join MCCS Youth Activities' contractor for Kenpo Karate Kobudo classes, held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in building 1391, located behind the 7-Day Store.

Adults and children are welcome, and costs are only \$35 for adults and \$25 for children. Additional family members cost \$20.

Call MCCS Youth Activities for information at 254-7610.

**Pro Bowl Tickets On Sale at Information, Tickets and Tours** — Grab your Pro Bowl tickets while they're hot, and available! It's first come, first served, so be sure to be there when ITT opens at 9 a.m. Ticket prices range from \$37 to \$103 depending on seating.  
Call the ITT office at 254-7563

## Base All Star



### Brian High

**Age:** 26  
**Unit:** Patrol Squadron 47  
**Sport:** Basketball  
**Home town:** Raleigh, N.C,  
**Billet:** Aviation Special Warfare Operator  
**Achievements:** High has won tournament championships with VP-47 and VP-30.



# Annual run hits the surf

**Press Release**  
MCCS Marketing

"You haven't raced until you do this run," dared Steven Kalnasy, MCCS Varsity Sports Coordinator. With that dare on the table, here are the facts.

The 4th Annual Surf & Turf race is Feb. 5, at 6:45 a.m. This Commanding General's Semper Fit Series run begins and ends at The Officers' Club, and winds throughout the Klipper Golf Course including stretches down one of MCB Hawaii's panoramic beaches. The course is approximately 5 kilometers.

"The Surf & Turf is one of our most popular events because it challenges those who participate," added



Kalnasy. "Where else can you find a one-mile beach run in the middle of a cross-country?"

To get in on the fun, grab a registration form at the Semper Fit Center today. Once registered, pick

up a Surf & Turf packet at the Semper Fit Center between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., on Feb. 5 – 6. The entry fee for the race is \$17 and registration ensures a free T-Shirt to remember the event. (Registrations received after Jan. 28 are not guaranteed a shirt on race day.)

Awards to the top three finishers overall will be awarded as well as to the top finishers in each age group in both men's and women's categories. The age categories include: 14 and under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, as well as 60 and above.

Refreshments will be provided by Gatorade. For further information, contact MCCS Athletics at 254-7590 or 254-7636 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

# COMMUNITY SPORTS

### HTMC Plans Two Weekend Hikes

Saturday, join the Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club on a 5-mile, intermediate hike through Waimea Valley park. Adventure goers will be required to pay entrance fees into the park.

Reach coordinator Peter Kempf at 384-2221 or 735-2220 for detailed information.

Sunday's trek takes hikers to Wahiawa for a 6-mile, intermediate ramble. It's a long hike just to swim in the 2nd best swimming hole on Oahu, but getting there and back is half the fun. You can day-dream your cares away as you float on the waters of Kaukonahua. Don't even think about the steep hill that you have yet to climb.

Reach coordinator Grant and Joyce Oka at 674-1459 for more information.

Hikers should meet at Iolani Palace at 8 a.m. for the hike. A \$2 donation is requested for each nonmember, age 18 or over. A responsible adult must accompany children under 18.

Bring lunch and water on all hikes and wear sturdy shoes and clothing. Firearms, pets, radios and other audio devices are prohibited on hikes.

Check out the HTMC Web site at [www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3660](http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/3660) for more information.

### Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii Hosts Run/Ride

January 30, Kapiolani Community College will be the start of all four races raising funds for the nearly 15,000 people in Hawaii with epilepsy. Three bicycle rides will start off the day with the 50-miler beginning at 7 a.m. The 25 and 10-mile races kick off at 8 a.m. A 1-mile walk begins at 8:30 a.m.

A keiki obstacle course and bike safety demonstration begins at 9:30 a.m. and is open to any registered participant. Games, entertainment, food and prizes go from 9 a.m. to noon.

First prize for the top fundraiser is a two-night stay at the Maui Prince Resort (must raise more than \$500); second prize for top fundrais-

ing is a free bike from the Bike Factory. The highest fundraising team receives a pizza party.

We encourage participants to wear their Sharon's Ride/Walk for Epilepsy T-shirts during the entire event. Only participants wearing their T-shirts will be served at the rest areas and at the post-ride party. All participating riders must wear a helmet with no exceptions.

Registration fees are \$20 for the walk, \$25 for individual riders and \$50 for families riding together.

Participants may register online at [active.com](http://active.com) or by mail. Registration forms are available online at [www.sharonforepilepsy.org/webhi/hiinfo.html](http://www.sharonforepilepsy.org/webhi/hiinfo.html) or call 528-3058.

### 2005 Sports Car Racing Kicks Off

The Hawaii Region of the Sports Car Club of America will host six major races in 2004 and Solo II/Autocross races on both Oahu and Maui.

•Solo II or Autocross is held at the Hawaii Raceway Park at the Campbell Industrial Park on Oahu and costs \$25 per driver. About 70 to 90 cars normally compete, from stock vehicles to racecars. The event is purely amateur; anybody can participate.

Each driver receives four runs through the sports car course, and the driver with the single fastest time in the class wins.

Points acquired throughout the year accumulate for prizes and trophies by year's end. Minimum participation in more than half of the year's races is required to be in the running for points and the run-off championship.

Races are scheduled as follows: Feb. 6, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3, Aug. 14, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Nov. 13 and Dec. 26. For more details, call Curtis Lee at 262-5987.

•The wheel-to-wheel and Solo I racing events are regional sports car races at Hawaii Raceway Park. All drivers must pass a driver's school to obtain a competition license, as the cars are raced at a much higher rate of speed (up to 140 mph) and passing is permitted.

Both the driver and vehicle must comply with a number of safety features before they are permitted race entry.

Future races will be on the following dates: Jan. 23, March 25, May 15, July 10, Sept. 5 and Nov. 26. For more information, call Ed Hollman at 488-1782.



### Great Aloha Run set for Feb. 21

Hundreds of runners have already registered for the 21st annual Great Aloha Run. Annually, the 8.15-mile "fun run" brings in over 20,000 runners from Hawaii, the U.S. Mainland and overseas and raises funds for more than 100 charitable organizations, community groups and elderly care in Hawaii.

The Feb. 21, President's Day race starts at Aloha Tower Marketplace and ends at Aloha Stadium, following Nimitz Highway.

Race fees are \$18 for children 12 and under and adults 65 and older; \$25 for individual and team runners. Entry fees raise to \$30 for adults after Jan.21. Registration forms can be found at the Running Room, Runners HI, Runners Route, Sports Authority, Tesoro Gas Stations and all health and fitness centers. Visit [www.GreatAlohaRun.com](http://www.GreatAlohaRun.com) for information.

### Perimeter Run gets Underway Feb. 26

Seven-member teams will trek the approximately 134 miles in 35 legs of varying lengths to complete the 2005 Perimeter Run around Oahu. The race will begin at Neil S. Blaisdell Park in Aiea and runners will go counter-clockwise around the island.

Competitors will start at various times, from 7-11 p.m., Feb. 26.

Entry fees are \$300 through Jan. 18, \$350 through Feb. 1, and \$400 after Feb. 1. Entries are limited to 125 teams. Entry fees must be submitted by midnight of the dates stated above. There is no guarantee of team enrollment if entry is received after February 7. All entry fees are non-refundable.

Each runner receives a T-shirt and a finisher's award. T-shirts for support crew may be ordered for \$10 per shirt on entry form. Payment for extra shirts must be submitted with entry fee. Athletes can register online at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com). or call 589-2646 for more information.

### Ft. DeRussy to Host Biathlon

Registration has begun for the 2005 Ft. DeRussy Biathlon and Keiki Run-Swim-Run. The March 12 race will start with the adults at 7 a.m. and the children at 8:20 a.m.

Athletes can choose between the long course (5K run followed by a 1K swim) and the short course (2.5K run followed by a 500M swim) along Waikiki's finest beach. Keiki distance course will be a run, swim, run format, with distances varying by age group.

Entry fees are \$18 for individual, \$16 for students and \$15 for military.

Register online at [www.Active.com](http://www.Active.com) or call 955-9151 for more information.

### Registration Open for 2005 JAL Honolulu Triathlon

Registration for Honolulu's premier triathlon — the 2005 JAL Honolulu Triathlon — is now open online at [www.honolulutriathlon.com](http://www.honolulutriathlon.com).

The amateur race will be held April 17, and will begin and end at Kapiolani Park. Mail-in registration forms can also be found in Athletes Hawaii Magazine, which is available at most Hawaii sporting goods stores.

The registration fee is \$75 for individuals and \$100 for teams until Feb. 28. After Feb. 28, the registration is \$100 for individuals and \$125 for teams.

For more information, visit the JAL Honolulu Triathlon Web site at [www.honolulutriathlon.com](http://www.honolulutriathlon.com).

### Hawaii Marine Accepts Briefs

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# The Bottom Line

(Editor’s Note: “The Bottom Line” is the **Hawaii Marine’s** weekly sports commentary from two sports aficionados who rarely see eye-to-eye when it comes to America’s one true obsession — sports. Chances are you’ll either agree with one of their takes or disagree with both. The **Hawaii Marine** welcomes your e-mails of no more than 250 words. We will print the top comment of the week from our readers. Send “Readers Strike Back” comments to editor@hawaiimarine.com. Remember, “**If you don’t speak up, you won’t be heard.**”)

## Did Matt Leinart make a good decision?

**Sgt. Joe Lindsay**  
*The Goat*

“Go on, take the money and run.”  
— Steve Miller

Two-time National Champion and Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Matt Leinart had what some alcoholics call a moment of clarity last week when he decided to pass on the NFL draft and stay in school for his senior season, thus fore-going millions (and millions and millions) of dol-lars to return to USC for his 5th season.

At first, The Goat felt a mixture of disgust and fascination. How could Leinart risk his family’s future by passing up on the potential opportunity to be the first pick in the upcoming NFL draft?

Granted, Peyton Manning did the same thing in 1997 at Tennessee by staying for his senior sea-son, and we all know how that worked out. Eli followed in his big brother’s footsteps by finishing his college eligibility before going pro too, and though the jury is still out, Eli was, nevertheless, the first pick in 2004 draft.

Leinart’s former USC teammate, Carson Palmer, also stayed for his senior year, and ended up being the first pick in the 2003 draft after winning the Heisman. Carson received a \$14-million dollar-sig-ning bonus, in addition to his hefty NFL salary.

These stories all have happy financial endings. But what happens if Leinart tears his ACL, or has some other type of career ending injury? He will

have lost a chance to secure the financial future not only of his immediate family, but also of his future kids, his grandkids and their kids. It is just too big a financial risk not to go pro. Or is it?

The Leinarts are not stupid. Though it received little publicity, Matt’s parents forked out \$20,000 for a million-dollar Lloyd’s of London insurance policy last season, and you can bet they are going to increase the coverage for next season. And if the Leinarts can fork out a one-time 20 “G” pay-ment like that, and another God-knows-how-much this upcoming season for a heftier policy, then it’s a safe bet that little Matt probably didn’t grow up destitute.

**Bottom Line:** From disgust, to fascination to realization, The Goat has run the gauntlet of emo-tions when it comes to Leinart’s decision not to go pro. In the end though, one has to respect Leinart.

As long as he repeats his past success (no small feat), and doesn’t have any Ricky Williamsesque-like epiphanies, Leinart will end up as the most storied collegiate football player since Rutgers squared off against Princeton in the first college football game ever played on Nov. 6, 1869.

For a chance to be called the greatest of all time, for a chance to be a legend for generations to come, Leinart has said “no” to the NFL. And for that, The Goat says “yes” to Leinart. Good luck Matt, the Gipper is waiting.

**Capt. K.D. Robbins**  
*The Professor*

In 1982, British rockers The Clash asked one simple question: “Should I stay or should I go?” 23 years later, Matt Leinart, USC’s all-everything, Heisman Trophy winning, two-time national championship winning quar-terback faced the same quandary.

As the lyrics go ... “If I go there will be trouble.” Trouble is right. When a remote chance of donning 49er crimson and gold lay in your future, you take the alternate route.

Leinart need look no further than his coach for guidance. After all, the 49ers offered Pete Carroll four times his annu-al salary, full control, membership to the country club and a key to the city to lure the former NFL flop to the Golden Gate city. Carroll knows the 49er ship is sinking and one has to wonder if he counseled his prodigy to steer clear of the once model NFL franchise.

As the lyrics continue ... “But, if I stay it will be double.” Double at the very least. Leinart blows a knee, it’s over. He’s already won two national champi-onships, a Heisman trophy and the hearts of the USC faithful. So, what does he have to prove?

Simple answer: Immortality. Leinart will return to the most talented roster in college football. Reggie Bush is back. The backups on the defensive side of the ball have been salivating at the mouth to prove their mettle and the receiving corps is primed for a breakout year.

Immortality: Are two Heisman Trophies too much to ask? Not at all.

Are three consecutive national cham-pionships out of the question? No way.

Will USC be better in 2005 then they were in 2004? Likely.

Most importantly, does Leinart sur-round himself with more NFL talent at USC than he would in the NFL with San Francisco? Definitely!

**Bottom Line:** Leinart may become the greatest quarterback in college his-tory. With comparisons to Peyton Manning already in the works, he enjoys one major difference: He knows how to win.

Peyton never beat Florida and he has yet to beat New England. To date, Leinart has beaten every opponent he’s faced. That said, one opponent remains: himself. If he says he’s not ready, you’d better believe he has a good reason.

## Readers Strike Back

“He is proof positive that the Bengals should be sent to play in Canada.”

Dear Bottom Line,  
Ben Roethlisberger has had a great rook-ie campaign. It could even be called a “dream” season, but this weekend he wakes up to find the nightmare known as the Patriots’ defense.

The only chance the Steelers have is to jump out to an early lead and then pound the Patriots on the ground. The Patriots, however, have a much improved run defense than the Steelers saw when they ended the Pat’s 21-game win streak.

Big Ben cannot and will not beat the Patriots with the passing game.

The Patriots have a two-time Super Bowl

MVP quarterback in Tom Brady. His expe-rience in big games and ability to just “get it done” will be more that the Steelers can handle.

There is also a guy on the Patriots roster by the name of Corey Dillon. He is proof positive that the Bengals should be sent to play in Canada. He was injured during the regular season meeting between these clubs and will prove to be the X-factor.

It will be a good game, but in the end the Patriots go on, and the Steelers, go on home.

Falcons and Eagles, showcase one of the best athletes in professional sports. Mick

Vick is a tremendous talent. He will prove to be a little too much for the Eagles’ defense this week.

The Eagles are lucky to be where they are right now. When they lost Terrell Owens they lost their chance to not only win the Super Bowl, but to even get there. They got lucky against a very undisciplined Vikings club.

The Falcon’s running game will prove to be to much for the Eagles, and in the end the Falcons fly high, the Eagles fly home.

**Thomas Tyler**  
**# 1 Bears Fan**

# Hawaii-based service members gear up for run in Afghanistan

**Press Release**

*Becker Communications*

**HONOLULU, Hawaii** — Approximately 2,000 Hawaii-based service members of Combined Joint Task Force 76 will participate in the first-ever Great Aloha Run in Afghanistan in late January 2005. The desert “fun run” will take place simultaneously in three different undisclosed locations, each featuring an 8.15-mile route.

“We wanted to coordinate this race in Afghanistan to provide our Hawaii troops with the feeling of being close to the Islands, their home base,” said Great Aloha Run Co-founder and Coordinator Carole Kai. “We’ve been working closely with our friends at the U.S. Army in Hawaii to secure all of the logistics, paying very close attention to the strict security and safety precautions surrounding Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. We’re confident that this race will be a lot of fun for the soldiers and rekindle the aloha spirit in each of them.”

Annually, more than 5,000 Hawaii-



based troops participate in the Great Aloha Run in Honolulu, most of which run in training formation.

“Although more than 5,000 soldiers from the 25th Infantry Division and U.S. Army Hawaii are deployed to Afghanistan and won’t be able to participate in Hawaii’s run, we wanted to continue to show our support for this great event that does so much for organizations in our home state,” said Capt. Kathleen Turner, Public Affairs Officer, U. S. Army Hawaii.

Military participants in the Afghanistan race will not have to pay the standard \$25 entry fee. Instead, the soldiers have been asked to make donations to the Great Aloha Run and the 27 Hawaii charities the race benefits.

Several Hawaii businesses are sponsoring the Afghanistan Great Aloha Run, including *The Honolulu Advertiser* and AIG

Hawaii, which funded the printing of 2,000 In-Training T-shirts for the participating service members, as well as Stanford Carr Development and Commercial Plumbing, which funded the shipment of the T-shirts and a number of promotional race banners to Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan in early January.

Held annually on President’s Day, the Great Aloha Run is an 8.15-mile “fun run” from Aloha Tower Marketplace in downtown Honolulu to the Aloha Stadium on the island of Oahu. Co-founded in 1985 by Carole Kai, one of Hawaii’s original entertainers and now a television producer; Dr. Jack Scaff, founder of the Honolulu Marathon; and the late Buck Buchwach, former executive editor of *The Honolulu Advertiser* — the Great Aloha Run has raised more than \$6.2 million for over 100 charitable organizations, community groups and elderly care in Hawaii. Each year, approximately 4,000 volunteers contribute to the success of the race, which attracts over 20,000 participants.

Visit [www.GreatAlohaRun.com](http://www.GreatAlohaRun.com) for more information.

## AFN to air Super Bowl live

**Jim Garamone**

*American Forces Press Service*

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — In some parts of America, football is almost a religion. And troops deployed in combat zones will see the High Mass of football — the Super Bowl — live on the American Forces Network Feb. 6.

In fact, one of the questions Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld got during a news conference in Kuwait was whether troops would see the Super Bowl.

“American Forces Network is pleased to broadcast the Super Bowl live to everyone in the world on the AFN Prime Service ... and on our AFN Sports Service,” said Larry Sichter, the chief of affiliate relations.

This means troops who don’t receive the prime channels will be able to receive the game without having to retune receivers, Sichter said. “We normally carry it on the prime channels and counterprogram on the sports channels,” he said. “But this year, primarily because of the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, we’re going to be broadcasting the game and pre-game (show) on AFN

Sports.”

Sailors on ships at sea also will be able to watch the game through the Navy’s Direct Sailor Service.

Football junkies will get 13-and-a-half hours of Fox network Super Bowl programming. And for those who still haven’t gotten enough or were on duty, AFN will rebroadcast the game the next day.

The broadcast will not include the commercials — an aspect of the game that many people actually enjoy. The affiliates will insert public service announcements and some of the 33 affiliates will broadcast messages to the troops. “We’re trying to get some command messages out,” said AFN-Iraq Commander Air Force Lt. Col. Doug Smith.

Service members who don’t want to watch football also are covered. In the past year, AFN has launched two new services — AFN-Family and AFN-Movies — that won’t carry the game.

Coverage in the U.S. Central Command region is almost universal. American Forces Radio and Television Service officials said there are a total of 7,978 decoders in the area.

### *SHOWDOWN, From C-1*

Hawaii’s premier MMA event. MMA is a hybrid sport, which combines elements of free-style wrestling, judo, jiu jitsu, boxing, tae kwan do, and muay thai kickboxing. The sport’s athletes must become “decathletes” of martial arts in order to be successful in the ring. Super Brawl follows the same rules as Japan’s “Shooto” organization, where victory is earned via judges’ decision, submission /tap out, knock-out, referee stoppage, or corner stoppage (towel thrown-in).

Tickets will be available at the venue. Prices are \$20 for military general admission and \$25 for nonmilitary guests. Ringside tickets are \$50. Advance tickets are also available by calling (808) 375-1645. An event after-party will follow at Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill.

For more information contact Kahuna’s Sports Bar & Grill at 254-7660.

UNDEFEATED, From C-1

close leaving the Terror Squad with a four-point lead.

Both teams came on strong again in the second half, quickly moving the ball up and down the court, and both ended up scoring more than double their points from the first half, giving their fans an exciting game to watch. To add to the drama forward Michael Maxwell dazzled onlookers with a break-away dunk early in the second half.

The Terror Squad began establishing their defining lead with a little more than six minutes left in the game. Sabau and Ballentine rained layups and fade-aways from the key down on 3rd Marines, who could not manage to return the favor.

“We didn’t really perform or put enough effort into this game,” said 3rd Marines team captain Estraisand Dasilva. “Our three-point shooters were our dominant scorers, but we haven’t been playing enough to work as a team.”

Third Marines Karlos Johnson was their lead scorer with 17 points.

“I think our defense is our weak point right now,” said Johnson. “We also have a lot of new guys, but we’re working on it.”

Although the Terror Squad was deployed last year and they don’t have a title to shoot for this year, they expect to perform among the top teams this season.

“Our team has been doing really well all year and we are looking for continued success throughout the rest of the intramural season,” said Ballentine.



Cpl. Megan L. Stiner

**Terror Squad’s Mike Byers attempts sneak a shot past a Headquarters Company, 3rd Marine Regiment defender.**

VP-47, From C-1

team’s rally with a two-pointer making it 18–9. Feeling a momentum shift, Terror Squad mounted a seemingly insurmountable comeback lead by Morgan, managing to change a nine-point lead to only one with 43 seconds left to play in the half.

Morgan then, showing off his ball-handling skills, drove through the lane and split the defense, stopping low base line for two making it 19–18. Headquarters Battalion, plagued with fouls by this point, fouled Terror Squads Hall, who sank one from the strip and closed out the half 20–18, Terror Squad.

The half started off with bang on both ends of the court as both teams scored points on both ends at a dizzying pace. Terror Squad managed to pull away with just under eight minutes to play, as they began to truly use teamwork to find the open man. Terror Squad’s power forward Marquis Ball dished the rock to Byers, who in turn found (position) No. 21 in the paint for two, making the score 35–30, Terror Squad.

The Demon Deacons were down, but not

beaten, as they mounted a comeback lead by Goodman, who sank a three from well outside the arch, and then Mitchell, using some fancy footwork, took it to the hole twice for four more, making the score 37–35, but it just wasn’t enough.

Terror Squad came back with its two-minute drill and snatched the lead from the Demon Deacons, at ending 43–37.

“We just have to tighten up and work on our follow-through,” said William Cohen, coach of the Headquarters Battalion Demon Deacons. “We got a lot of experience; we just have to work on our follow through on three-pointers and rebounding, which is another thing that was killing us, along with our full and half court press.”

“It was a real good game, everyone play hard and had fun,” said Terror Squad Coach and player Brian High. “We definitely improved since our last game; everyone worked better together and I think everyone is beginning to learn each other’s roles on the court. We’re starting the season off right. We’re now 2–0, and we’re going to keep it going.”

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“It is not the mountain we conquer, but ourselves.”

— Edmund Hillary